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**TO THE EDITOR OF THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD.**  
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which was supported by Mr. HUNT, Mr. A. LANG, and Mr. MACDONNELL. Mr. MACDONNELL spoke briefly in opposition to the manhood suffrage clause.

On the motion of the *SENIOR MEMBER*, the debate was adjourned at half-past 9, till 4 o'clock this day.

In the Legislative Assembly, yesterday, Mr. COWAN introduced a motion, which was carried, for confining the sitting days to two in each week, one for Government and one for private business, until the important measures then before the Upper House had been disposed of.

The next question entered upon was the consideration of a committee of a bill to give £5000 by way of compensation to Mr. James, Secretary to the Bishop of Sydney, for the records and indices kept and prepared by him of the births, baptisms, marriages, and burials, &c. After considerable discussion, the committee divided on a motion of adjournment, by Mr. JAMES, when it was discovered that there was not a quorum present, and the *SENIOR MEMBER* adjourned the House at ten minutes to six o'clock, until 3 o'clock on Thursday next.

STYDEN is at present suffering from a variable fever—one with symptoms as well defined, progress as regular, and it may be, in its own department—as fatal as any that ever visited a mercantile person. Its effects are seen everywhere. In every family circle—in every shop, at the corner of every street it meets the eye in some form. Among some classes of society it has spread with tremendous force, absorbing the faculties, incapacitating people for their employment—filling them with unwholesome exaltation, with anticipations of a high and glorious future, and, in the meantime, causing them to venture their money with remarkable indifference. This fever has shown itself of course in some places more decidedly than others. Just as in London they trace by a map the localities favourable to the development of fever, and mark with yellow lines the special triumphs of mortality, so we may trace the influence of this affection. It is especially prominent in ironmongers' stores, in carpenters' workshops, in shipping offices, on the wharf, and in general wherever men resort for the purpose of migration. One of its symptoms was a violent inroad upon the Savings' Bank. It required an effort to keep order among the throng who were suddenly seized with a desire to draw out their savings—but because they were impatient to be gone. The disease, like intoxication, showed itself in forms which vary with the peculiar temperament and character of the patient. Thus affectionate persons, in view of separation from their domestic hearth, are moved to tears, but the selfish show a more than their usual stolid indifference to all the consequences, so far as their children and wives are concerned. Some show the progress of this affection by incapacity to comprehend a question, or to return an answer having any reference to the query. Upon all projects of steady employment or progress, they look with contemptuous scorn. The objects of their former envy they regard as persons under a thrall. They rather pity all who cannot possibly escape from their counters, their offices, or their professions. The effect produced in reference to politics is very remarkable. The most zealous protectionists are off to the diggings, and are resolved to wait for a tariff no longer. The warmest advocate of universal suffrage will not stop to give his vote, and considers enrolment as a badge of involuntary servitude. Even religious controversies are suspended. The keen disputes which have so often entertained or shocked the religious community are for the moment forgotten. People care very little how rights are administered; who rules in churches; or by what signs and marks the true church is to be known, while they are under the dominion of this peculiar disease. Any person who has walked the streets and seen groups in agitated and earnest conversation—who marks the signs everywhere of the existence of this fever, though he may be a stranger to the city, is passing through a scene which no other fever there are some persons more exposed to contagion, so in the present instance. The sailors are especially affected. We understand that the disorder has sensibly influenced the shipping interest, and produced a disinclination to long voyages. The business are off. Whether it is because in their short drives they are continually bothered by excited adventurers who talk of nothing but nuggets and cradles and picks, we cannot say, but we understand that the omnibus drivers are touched in more than usual proportion.

We naturally enquire the cause of this disease. The accounts we have received from Port Curtis prove the existence of a gold-field; what its extent or productiveness are matters nearly of conjecture. The utmost we have heard of is that less than one hundred ounces have arrived as a token of their success. The reports from various quarters concur in giving diggers' earnings as from 15s. to £2 per day. It is evident that this can hardly account for the fever. Mechanics who are quitting their benches are earning more in money's worth than the minimum sum. It will be hardly doubted that 10s. a day in constant employment is equal to £1 per day at the diggings, taking into account all the expense of getting there and returning, and the difference of the cost of support. At least this must be the case at present. There are, however, no doubt, causes which have inflamed the disorder: one—the lack of employment which has been felt by a considerable number of persons during the season—especially of the labouring classes. On them, of course, the expectation of profit, employment and independence acts with power derived from their own depressed circumstances, as well as from the hopes which are presented to them. This excitement is also stimulated by reports coming from persons who have no interest to dig gold, but to sell provisions to the gold-diggers—perhaps themselves sincerely convinced that they are offering sound advice when they encourage migration, and having only faint evidence themselves to offer, yet believing that their advice has been well founded. Such is the disease, its symptoms, and its causes.

And now comes the cure. Enquiry and reflection. We should advise every man to reflect well upon the consequences of yielding himself up to these impressions without studying many points of the utmost importance. First, let him ask whether he has evidence sufficient to justify the expectation of a great yield at the Fitzroy diggings; if it is not more consistent with prudence to pause before resigning an employment and venturing all upon such a hazard. Let him next consider his own personal adaptation for the work of a gold-digger. Can a clerk safely throw down his pen, or can a handicraftsman, whose manipulations are his remuneration trade, to assume that of a gold-digger with impunity? Is his constitution the necessary vigour? Is he able to endure the labour? Will not a total change in his habits and employment probably generate disease? Is he not staking, against the possibility of sudden riches,

his health and his life? Is the experience of former years to go for nothing? What multitudes sleep in the gold-digger's grave, who, under the influence of the former "rush," without regard to their ability—throw themselves upon an employment for which they were utterly unfit! Then let it be remembered that at present these diggings are remote from settlements. There is no preparation for a large population—there are no hospitals—no homes. There is indeed a mild climate—a climate which in summer must be intensely warm. So far, well. There is a seaboard by which the wants of an encampment may be more surely and readily supplied. We do not say if the other considerations may not be waived, but at present it is a serious question whether a man should risk his life for an uncertain gain, by combating with the privations and peculiarities of a climate of which he has had no experience, and an employment for which he is physically unfit. We must say that we have watched the extraordinary effervescence with much concern. Our own good wishes towards the Fitzroy diggings are well known. Looking at the subject in a far higher light than the mere gathering of gold, and as tending to the rapid colonisation of New Holland, it appears to us an enterprise fraught with high and most valuable consequences. But we would wish any man who is not utterly infatuated and incurable to reflect that, if the prospects of the gold-digging are anything like the representations given around us, delay will not prevent success, and that nothing will be lost by caution and reflection.

WHILE the fair dimensions of New South Wales are threatened with speedy contraction on the North side, a slice of its territory is also coveted by our neighbours to the West. New South Wales, with its wide-spreading area, includes the whole of Australia that is not definitely comprised within the limits of other provinces. All the unappropriated and residuary territory comes under its sway. When the province of South Australia was chalked out, its Western boundary was not made identical with the Eastern boundary of Western Australia. Little or nothing was known of the character or natural features of the country at that time, the coast line only having been laid down on charts, and beyond giving the new colony a certain area of territory, and locating it in a place where it did not directly interfere with the older established settlements, no particular reason existed for giving it the exact boundaries it possesses. The Eastern limit of Western Australia is the one hundred and twenty-ninth degree of East longitude, while the Western limit of South Australia is the one hundred and thirty-third degree. There is therefore a belt of land three degrees in width between the two provinces, belonging to neither, but forming part of the surplus territory of New South Wales. In the coast line of this piece of land there is no known port or harbour of any description. It fronts the head of the great Australian bight, and a heavy surf constantly breaks upon the shore. It does not, therefore, present any materials in this respect for the formation of an independent colony, nor can any coast settlement spring up there. The only access to it is by land. The nearest port on the Eastern side is Fowler's Bay, which is in South Australia. The nearest point squatters have already made a footing, preparatory to pushing further inland. The place that could be made in Western Australia would probably be somewhere in the neighbourhood of the Recherche Archipelago. The whole breadth of this neutral strip of land would lie nearer to the Eastern than to the Western of these two shipping places, and, therefore, if it should prove capable of profitable occupation, its commercial relations will be determined by its greater accessibility on its Eastern side. On these grounds Sir RICHARD MACDONNELL, the Governor of South Australia, has recently addressed the *SENIOR MEMBER*, begging that the slice of land referred to, might be at once authoritatively annexed to South Australia. Despatches were received by the latter, acknowledging the reasonableness of the request, and promising that it should be attended to, but stating that the consent of New South Wales must first be obtained, and that an Act of Parliament would be necessary to make the transfer legal. We presume, therefore, that some despatches on the subject have been received by our Government, and that Parliament will, before long, be made acquainted with their contents. In South Australia an address of thanks has already been voted to Her Majesty in acknowledgement of the concession. Whether there is really anything to be very thankful for will depend very much on the intrinsic value of the gift. A dotation of so many square miles of sandy desert will not after all be any very great country, it is at present impossible to say, who skirted the coast line in their overland journey to King George's Sound, we believe that no white man has yet set foot in it. Explorations into the North-west portion of South Australia have been lately set on foot by the Government of the colony, in order to find fresh fields and pastures new for the squatters, who are beginning to feel pinched for room; but, so far as we understand, none of the explorers have hitherto transgressed the established limits of the colony. The piece that is to be annexed is still a terra incognita. It is hope, rather than well grounded reason, that represents it as an occupiable country. The only part that EYRE saw was a miserable, waterless desert; but as he kept close to the coast, it is possible that the country may be better inland, as tralls. But the recent explorations hardly justify the hope that any extensive area of fertile land exists there. All that has been found of fertile of tolerable land, with very scanty and unreliable supplies of fresh surface water. In the known absence of great rivers, therefore, in probabilities are that the explorer will fare worse the further he goes inland, and that no Australia Felix is to be discovered in that quarter. Mr. BARBAG's expedition, which was looked to to solve all doubts, has proved practically a failure. His last report to the Government was dated from Port Augusta, the point from which he set out, and from the frequency of his reports, we imagine that he has never yet succeeded in losing sight of civilisation, or getting clear outside the tracks of other travellers. So that beyond filling in details on the map, he has at yet made no valuable or decided discoveries. Whether he will do so when he finally does make a start for the interior, remains to be seen. It will be a pity if, after all the expense to which the South Australian Government has gone in fitting out the expedition, the point it was intended to clear up

should remain as much mystery as ever. Mr. BARBAG's trip was imaginary, must have already cost nearly as much as Mr. GAZD's, yet the latter gentleman has traversed across one-half of the continent, while the former sticks about the place from which he started. This would seem to indicate that his progress, and that all that he sees deters him from committing himself to an advance into the interior, from which there may be no return. If the country had been moderately favourable, he would have pushed on from stage to stage, and would long since have been out of sight. That he has been forced back on his depot, is a pretty strong proof that the country is very poor indeed.

But whatever may be the value of this portion of Australia—whether it is desert or savannah—we imagine that there will be some legal difficulty in the way of its transfer from New South Wales to South Australia. For it is precisely in the same position with respect to the public debt as the Morston Bay District is. It forms a portion of the land which is the security for the loan that has already been contracted. It matters not that the land is at the present moment unoccupied and unproductive of any revenue—it matters not that it may be barren and intrinsically worthless—it matters not that the public creditors may be ignorant that it forms a portion of the territory of New South Wales, on the credit of which they have lent their money. This does not touch the legal difficulty. According to the tenor of the last advice, the Crown lawyers were a little puzzled to know how to untie this Gordian knot, and no satisfactory method of doing it had been devised. Till this is done, the territory of New South Wales cannot be reduced without altering the security for the debt.

## COURT OF REQUESTS—£30 JURISDICTION.

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## SCHOOL OF ARTS LECTURES.

LAST night, the Hon. S. A. Donaldson, M.L.A., delivered, in the form of an extemporaneous lecture, his recollections of a sojourn in Mexico, in 1832-33. The Hon. G. H. Stanley, who occupied the chair—having formerly introduced Mr. Donaldson, he commenced by giving a hasty outline of the discovery of Mexico (or rather of its original discovery), by the Spaniards, about the beginning of the sixteenth century; sketching the character of its people, and the manner in which it was gradually introduced into the language of the Spaniards, and the manner in which it was gradually introduced into the language of



**THE EMPRESS NEWSPAPER.**—The Capitalist dis- posed to invest in a newspaper property. The under- signed are prepared to BRILLIANTLY under the power to hold by a deed of trust, the machinery, plant, copyright, and all proprietary interest in the *Empress* newspaper. The *Empress* was established in November, 1883, and has throughout its existence enjoyed a large share of public support; its circulation up to the 30th instant, when the publication was lastly discontinued, being nearly equal to the first issue in the Australian colonies. The bona fide receipts of the establishment for the sixteen months ended July 31 amounted to £50,000. The machinery consisted of one double-cylinder printing machine, made by Cowen, and one single-cylinder printing machine, made by Napier and Sons, both fitted up with steam and in good working condition, and capable of com- pleting 100 double sheets, the usual size of the *Empress*, per hour.

The printing type comprises the requisite quantities of long primer, brevier, and nonpareil, for bringing out the *Empress* over double the usual size, which has on several occasions been done.

There is also a complete supply of printing type distributed in cases ready for use, and in separate pre- miums, to guard against accidents by fire, &c.

The premises, which are held under lease, were fitted up with gas throughout, and with every convenience for a large newspaper establishment at an expense of £10,000 in 1884.

The debts due to the office now standing on the books, and considered good, amount to over £10,000, the per- sonal liability of which will be a certain in a few days as soon as the books are made up.

There is attached to the *Empress* establishment, but separate in all its working relations, the General Job Printing Office, including five printing presses of various sizes, and one of the finest assortments of type in the colony. The whole establishment might be put to work with the necessary complement of hands to bring out a first-class daily journal in four and twenty hours.

The undersigned consider it almost unnecessary to point out that the temporary stoppage of the *Empress* has arisen entirely from the personal embarrassments of the Proprietor, who spared no expense in founding this great journal, and throughout its career has been distinguished by high rates of wages, involving an enormous expenditure, which may be avoided in future. Indeed, any parties coming into possession of the property now would receive as a mere gift many advantages forming the real value of the establishment, such as the paper property, which cost the founder tens of thousands of pounds.

The premises and machinery can be viewed, and full information be obtained, after sundown, at the office of JAMES BYRNES, SAMUEL D. GORDON, Trustees, JAMES DICKSON, Solicitor, 7th Floor, 1888.

**THE EMPRESS NEWSPAPER.**—Country Agents and others interested in the *Empress* newspaper, are requested to remit, without delay, the amount of their respective accounts to the Trustees, at the *Empress* Office, George-street.

**CAUTION.**—In the Insolvent Estate of HENRY PARKER, I beg to give notice that I claim, as Official Assignee of the above-mentioned estate, to be entitled to receive of and retain payment of all debts due in respect of the *Empress* newspaper, and that I shall not recognize the discharge of any person but myself in respect of such debts. I beg also to notify that any person who has any claim against me, or who is indebted to me, as assignee, to the whole of the machinery, plant, copyright, and all proprietary interest in the *Empress* newspaper, which has been advertised for sale by Messrs. Byrnes, Gordon, and Dickson, JOHN MORRIS.

Official Assignee of the estate of Henry Parker. Sydney, September 8th, 1888.

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**TO SETTLERS and STOCK-RAISERS.**—The undersigned has constantly on hand, 10 to 150 lbs. of choice, genuine, s. wide, Bags, sewing twine, line and coarse, Sheepskins, Sows, and Wilkes' Sugar, rice, tea, flour, and tobacco. Mole trousers, Scotch tweed shirts, and all articles requisite on a station.

**FOR SALE, at the Flour Company's gWharf, now leased from the Regis, 30 tons of oaks, Whaling gear.** W. H. HINDMARSH.

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**LANCROFTON WHEAT FOR SALE.** ALLAN and BORTON, 93, Clarence-street.

**COCHON WHISKY, ex Castilian, prime quality, on SALE at MASON, BROTHERS, Circular Quay.**

**MILNER'S FIRE-RESISTING PAPERS.** The undersigned, who Agents for the Australian colonies, have just landed a large and varied assortment of Milner's Fire-Resisting, Thick, and Powder-proof Papers, which they offer at moderate prices. BRIGHT, BROTHERS, and CO., Melbourne and Sydney, Agents.

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**TO FACTORY BUILDERS, Jewellers, Fur Dealers, Perfumers, and others.**

**MR. G. F. BAKER will sell by public auction, at the premises of Mr. Newbourn, Hunter-street, on FRIDAY, September 17th, at 11 o'clock, and following day, who in consequence of ill health is retiring from business.**

**The whole of the superior shop stock, consisting of: Jewellery, toys in great variety, work boxes, writing and drawing cases, book-binding, pen-boxes, and various articles of stationery, including pens, ink, and blotting paper.**

**Also, a quantity of glass shades, mounted lanterns, violins, concertinas, ladies' watches, and various articles of stationery, including pens, ink, and blotting paper.**

**Further particulars to be had of the auctioneer, Pitt and Bridge streets.**

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**Extensive Unreserved Sale of** Carpets, Drapery, 4-wheel Phaetons, Bicycles, Tricycles, &c., &c.

**Most important to Gentlemen, Coach Builders, Cab Proprietors, and others.** Intending buyers are respectfully informed that the whole are loaded and on view at the Rooms.

**Auction Sale, THURSDAY next, September 16.**

**JOHN G. COHEN has received instructions from the importers to submit for public competition, without reserve, at the Bank Auction Rooms, on THURSDAY next, September 16, 1888, at 11 o'clock precisely.**

**The undersigned carries, phaetons, dogcarts, and other vehicles, painted black, pink, or black in red velvet.**

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